

through its affiliation with the Georgia Department of Technical and Adult Education (DTAE) and the Technical College System of Georgia. This worthwhile partnership, allowed Albany Tech to expand its outreach initiatives by providing technical training opportunities to the residents, businesses and industries within a seven-county service delivery area. These counties include Baker, Calhoun, Clay, Dougherty, Lee, Randolph and Terrell.

Today, Albany Tech has adult learning centers in all seven of its service delivery counties. The college has more than 3,000 full-time students and another 2,500 are enrolled part-time in seminars, continuing education courses, teleconferences and customized business training programs.

As a member of the Technical College System of Georgia, Albany Tech provides vocational training support services for the thousands of non-traditional students, employees and industries that make-up southwest Georgia's expansive and ever evolving economic landscape. To accomplish this mission, the college utilizes traditional and distance learning methods. Specifically, the institution offers a wide-range of technical certificates that prepare students for employment opportunities in the fields of information technology, culinary arts, aeronautics, airplane construction, electronics, health care and other leading industrial careers.

I would also like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Albany Tech's current President, Dr. Anthony Parker, for his outstanding leadership in promoting and advancing this training institution's many outstanding vocational services. Southwest Georgians will forever be indebted to Dr. Parker and his well-respected predecessor, Nathaniel Cross, for all they have done to make Albany Tech a more accessible and highly resourceful training facility for the many individuals and industries that rely on the school's key services.

Dr. Parker, his predecessors, and the Board of Directors should all be commended for their contributions in making Albany Tech a vital part of our local communities.

For years, the administration, faculty and alumni of Albany Technical College have been steadfastly dedicated and fully committed to implementing training programs designed to advance the economic development needs of southwest Georgia's workforce, small business community and corporations.

Due to this institution's diligent work and extraordinary efforts, employees, entrepreneurs and business owners throughout southwest Georgia have enjoyed continued success. In addressing the economic needs of hard-working Georgians through the expansive availability of strong vocational training programs, Albany Tech has facilitated our community's abilities to better respond to and meet the civic needs of our local residents.

Mr. Speaker, in closing I ask that my colleagues join me in expressing our collective and profound gratitude to the faculty, staff, alumni and supporters of Albany Technical College for all they have done to improve the quality of life for the residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District.

IN HONOR OF SERGEANT LOUIS J. MACHOVEC

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 3, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Sergeant Louis J. Machovec, an iconic police officer from the Cleveland Police Department (CPD), as he celebrates his 100th birthday on September 29, 2011.

Sgt. Machovec was born on September 29, 1911 in Cleveland's North Broadway neighborhood. He was one of three sons born to Jan and Anna Machovec, immigrants from Bohemia, Czechoslovakia. He attended Our Lady of Lourdes school and later graduated from Thomas Edison High School. After high school, during the Great Depression, Louis worked various jobs including working as groundskeeper at Lakeview Cemetery, in a railroad boiler factory and as a Cleveland taxi driver.

In 1937, Sgt. Machovec took the qualifying test to become a Cleveland police officer. After Eliot Ness became the city's Safety Director, the entire police force was given the exam again. Sgt. Machovec scored sixth out of more than 800 applicants and was asked to become a member of the first Cleveland Police Academy Class. After working on accident prevention for a short time, Sgt. Machovec was asked to join in the investigation of the Kingsbury Run murders; the Cleveland Torso Murderer was never caught.

He worked in various departments, ultimately joining the CPD's communications division. He worked as the voice of the Cleveland Police Department for many years, through the 1950 Thanksgiving snowstorm and the Hough Riots in the 1960s. Later, Sgt. Machovec ran the police internal telephone exchange and bank alarm departments until his retirement. He served with the Cleveland Police Department for 39 years.

Following his retirement, Sgt. Machovec moved to Solon, Ohio to be closer to his wife, Margaret, and their daughters, Mary Lou and Margaret. Today, he enjoys spending time with his children and grandchildren and still wears his grey CPD shirt.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in wishing Sgt. Louis Machovec a very happy 100th birthday and thanking him for his dedicated service with the Cleveland Police Department.

COMMEMORATING REVEREND
WILLIE G. DIXON

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 3, 2011

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of his 80th birthday milestone, I rise to commend the inspirational leadership of Reverend Willie G. Dixon. Reverend Dixon is a wonderful example of how a local leader can help shape future generations and make a difference in their community. Reverend Dixon's accomplishments are worthy of recognition by the entire Tampa community.

A native of Tampa, Florida, Reverend Dixon entered the Air Force upon completion of high

school. After serving our country, Dixon was honorably discharged and enrolled at Tennessee State University where he received a Bachelor of Science in Music Education. He then moved back to the Tampa area, where he was employed by the Hillsborough County School Board as an elementary school music teacher and band director for six years.

Reverend Dixon then went on to pursue a career helping ex-offenders at the Zephyrhills Correctional Institution. As an ex-offender placement specialist, Dixon assisted inmates preparing for release and later served in the same capacity at Pasco-Hernando Community College. While employed in this career, he continued to work in area school systems until his retirement from the Sarasota County School System in 1991.

While teaching in Hillsborough and Sarasota County, Reverend Dixon realized that a large percentage of his students were African American repeat offenders who were unable to gain reentry into society financially and socially. Dixon developed a strong desire to help these youths that experienced difficulty getting back on track after release due to a number of factors such as broken homes, various types of abuse and lack of education.

In response to this calling, Dixon formed COACH Foundation, Inc. and the COACH Faith Based Ministry. COACH Foundation, Inc. has numerous programs that help inmates make a smooth transition into society and become productive citizens. These programs include after-school programs, job training, counseling, affordable home-ownership as well as many other services that benefit the community. Reverend Dixon's individual efforts continue to touch lives with his partnership with the Abe Brown Prison Ministry and weekly bible study with inmates at the Zephyrhills Correctional Institution.

The Tampa Community is proud to recognize Reverend Willie G. Dixon for his efforts and outstanding contributions towards educating and guiding youth in Tampa. Reverend Dixon's determination and commitment to improving the lives of others have made him an inspirational community leader. I ask that you and all Americans recognize such a remarkable citizen for his service to our community.

CELEBRATING GANDHI JAYANTI,
INDIA'S NATIONAL HOLIDAY

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 3, 2011

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege and honor to offer my best wishes to the millions of Indian-Americans and to Indians around the globe on this Gandhi Jayanti, India's national holiday celebrating the birth of Mohandas Gandhi.

Political prisoner, freedom fighter, father of a nation—Gandhi shaped modern India and has continued to shape the world we live in by inspiring some of the greatest leaders of our time. A champion for the rights of all people, he fought apartheid in South Africa, colonial rule in India, and oppression and injustice in all its guises. In doing so, he has inspired our world's greatest leaders from Nelson Mandela to Cesar Chavez, Aung San Suu Kyi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

It was Dr. King who once said he owed his inspiration to fight injustice to God and his method—nonviolent resistance—to Gandhi. The American civil rights movement, from lunch counter sit-ins to the Montgomery County bus boycott, was influenced by Gandhi's foundational principle of Satyagraha, or non-violent civil disobedience.

Today, modern India is a leader as the world's largest democracy, among the world's largest economies, and as our close friend and ally. The U.S.-India friendship remains a growing and essential part of U.S. foreign policy, and working together our two countries are a powerful force for positive change in the region and in the world.

On this day, I join the Indian-American community and friends around the globe to remember and celebrate the life of this fearless man who led a nation to gain independence for his people from the British Empire. Gandhi's life was a testament to invincibility of truth over injustice. As he said, "When I despair, I remember that all through history the way of truth and love has always won. There have been tyrants and murderers and for a time they seem invincible, but in the end, they always fall. Think of it, always."

IN HONOR OF MRS. BARBARA J.
DANIEL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 3, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mrs. Barbara Daniel who is being inducted into the West Tech High School Hall of Fame by the West Tech Alumni Association.

Barbara graduated from West Tech High School in 1962. At the age of 40, Barbara enrolled at Cleveland State University, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1999. Several years later, she earned her Master's Degree in English. Barbara spent 25 years in the financial services industry supporting insurance agents and financial planners. In 2001, she established Insurance Resources, and worked as a financial consultant to insurance agencies. During her career in the financial sector, Barbara served as the President of the National Association of Insurance & Financial Advisors. In 2004, Barbara changed careers and became the owner, publisher and editor of The Cleveland Women's Journal—East Edition. The mission of the magazine is "to empower women through knowledge."

In addition to her career, Barbara has been an active member of her community. She served as president of the Women's City Club from 2003 until 2006. Barbara is currently a member of the National Association of Women Business Owners, the League of Women Voters, Women in Networking, Working Women Connection, the YWCA, the American Advertising Federation, the American Marketing Association. She is also the secretary of the Dancing Wheels Board of Directors and serves on the Board of Directors for the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce.

Because of her work ethic and dedication to her community, Barbara has received several awards. In 1994, Barbara received Valmark Securities' "Excellence is the Exceptional Drive to Exceed Expectations" award. She

has also been awarded the Women's City Club Elsa Pavlik award in 2003 and was a finalist for Inside Business magazine's Athena Award in 2005.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in congratulating Mrs. Barbara Daniel for being honored by West Tech Alumni Association and being named to the West Tech High School Hall of Fame.

HONORING DAVID MARING

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 3, 2011

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the long and distinguished career of Principal David Maring. This summer, Mr. Maring retired after 46 years of dedication to education and academic excellence as a teacher and principal of Pilgrim Lutheran School in the 5th Congressional District of Chicago.

Mr. Maring began his long and respected career in education by joining Pilgrim Lutheran School as a teacher in 1965. After six years of excellent service he became principal of Pilgrim Lutheran.

As a principal, Mr. Maring was so dedicated to his profession that he made the extra effort to know every student by name. He inspired his staff to become the best teachers they could be in order to provide an excellent education for their students. He sought to provide a progressive education to nourish the students in both spirit and mind. Mr. Maring never fully left the classroom, and he continued to teach math and physical education and coach sports teams throughout his tenure.

Mr. Maring's dedication to his profession, his exceptional wisdom and leadership ensure his lasting place in the hearts of generations of Pilgrim students, faculty, and the Ravenswood community at large. Mr. Maring is the embodiment of the Pilgrim Lutheran motto: "Academic Excellence with a Heart."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing David Maring and his extraordinary career, and to thank him for his many contributions to the Pilgrim Lutheran School, his students, and the community.

HONORING STEVENSON-D'ALESSIO
AMERICAN LEGION POST 12

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 3, 2011

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Stevenson-D'Alessio American Legion Post 12, located in the Borough of Somerville, Somerset County, New Jersey, on the occasion of its 90th anniversary.

In 1919, Congress chartered the American Legion as a patriotic, mutual help, war-time veterans organization; a group of veterans who established a community-service organization which now numbers nearly 3 million members. Later that same year, a small group of World War I veterans in Somerville, New Jersey decided to establish an American Legion post of their own.

The group decided to name their post in honor of one of Somerville's first residents, United States Army Sergeant John Roland Stevenson, who was killed in action in France in 1918. Stevenson Post 12, American Legion received its charter on April 1, 1921, making it the 12th post in the State of New Jersey.

Until the late 1930s, members met anywhere they could, but soon rallied together to raise money and purchase land to erect their Post home. Construction began in 1939. Through the generosity of friends and neighbors, the building was complete after six years of long volunteer hours.

In 1942, during World War II, another Somerville resident lost his life defending our country. Seaman First Class, James W. D'Alessio, U.S. Navy, paid the ultimate sacrifice when the USS *Juneau* was hit by Japanese torpedoes. To honor his memory, the members of Stevenson Post 12 adopted SC1 D'Alessio's name as part of its official title, becoming Stevenson-D'Alessio Post 12.

Today, the Post home has increased to nearly double its size since the post-WWII era and has become a good neighbor in the community. They have opened their halls to community service clubs and organizations and many non-profits are able to use their hall free of charge. After serving their Nation and protecting our freedom, Legion members and their Auxiliary have gone the extra step in continuing to serve.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in recognizing Stevenson-D'Alessio American Legion Post 12 on its 90th anniversary.

IN HONOR OF OHIO STATE
SENATOR THOMAS PATTON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 3, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Ohio State Senator Thomas Patton who is being inducted into the West Tech High School Hall of Fame by the West Tech Alumni Association.

Born and raised in Cleveland's near Westside, Senator Patton is one of nine children. He attended St. Colman's School before enrolling at West Tech High School. While attending West Tech, Senator Patton was a member of the basketball team. Upon graduating in 1971, he married his high school sweetheart, Evelyn Hawkins, and started classes at Cleveland State University on an athletic scholarship.

In 1974, Senator Patton and his brother, Terry, opened Cleveland Business Systems. In 2002, he decided to run for a seat in the Ohio House of Representatives. He won the election and represented the 18th District from 2003 until 2008. In November 2008, Senator Patton was elected to the Ohio Senate's 24th District. As an Ohio State Senator he serves as chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee and is a member of the Finance Committee, the Energy and Public Utilities Committee and the Ways and Means and Economic Development Committee. Senator Patton also serves as co-chair of the Ohio Senate Autism Caucus and as a member of the Ohio Turnpike Commission, the Ohio Athletic Commission, the Ohio Rail Development